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Geographic Area Production Relationships With USAF

In cooperation with agencies such as ADTIC of this establishment, the CIA has been a major participant in the Air Force Evasion and Escape Program, producing or substantively reviewing a total of approximately 65 publications in the field. In its function as a quasi-executive for this portion of the program, the Geography Division of our Office of Research and Reports has been termed by the Air Force -- and I quote from an AFOIR communication -- "a major factor in insuring the success of the United States Evasion and Escape Program".

We recognize that the effectiveness of these Evasion and Escape studies, as well as many others, depends on the hard facts which we can put in them. We therefore work closely with the Air Force and other agencies in the development of special devices for intelligence collection. One such effort is the Joint Working Group on Intelligence Ground Photography, chaired by the CIA under the JCS, which functions as a clearing house for information on developmental programs and technical advances in special photographic equipment.

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